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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Werner Plass et al.
Appl. No. : 10/631,384
Filed : July 31, 2003
Title : Surface Emitting Semiconductor Laser Chip and Method for
Producing the Chip
Art Unit :

LETTER

Hon. Commissioner for Patents,
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Sir:

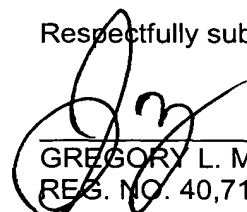
The above-mentioned new patent application was filed on July 31, 2003 without a signed oath or declaration, under the provision of 37 C.F.R. 1.53(f).

In accordance with the above-mentioned rule, enclosed herewith is the original signed declaration.

The undersigned hereby states that the application filed in the Patent and Trademark Office is the application which the inventor(s) executed by signing the declaration. MPEP 602 (8th ed., Aug. 2001).

The fee required for the late filing of an oath or declaration in the amount of \$130.00 is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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